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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CANADIAN NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
CHARGES

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1. WE ASKED WALTER MCLEISH, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CANADIAN AIR TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION, ABOUT THE STATUS OF BILL C-4 (REFTEL). HE TOLD US APRIL 14 THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE OF THE LEGISLATION DURING THE PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION LOOK POOR. THE BILL HAD BEEN SENT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY THE COMMITTEE BUT HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE OBJECTIONS THERE (HE CALLED IT FILIBUSTERING).

2. MCLEISH NOTED THAT WITH A NATIONAL ELECTION LIKELY TO BE CALLED SOON IT APPEARS ACTION ON BILL C-4 WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE ELECTION IS CALLED AND PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE LEGISLATION BEING REINTRODUCED AFTER AN ELECTION (IF ONE IS IN FACT  
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HELD), MCLEISH SEEMED UNCERTAIN. BILL C-4, OF COURSE, INCLUDES SEVERAL OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE AERONAUTICS ACT IN ADDITION TO THOSE RELATING TO NAVIGATION CHARGES WHICH WOULD EXPAND THE POWERS OF THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT. HE SUGGESTED THAT WITH THE INCREASING INTEREST IN SUCH LEGISLATION AND INCREASING POWER OF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND CONSUMER GROUPS IN CANADA IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT

C-4 COULD SUCCESSFULLY BE REINTRODUCED IN A FUTURE SESSION  
OF PARLIAMENT WITHOUT MAJOR CHANGES. ENDERS

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